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SUBJECT: TFAI PARLIAMENT SUPPORTS INDEPENDENCE PROPOSAL

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1. ETHIOPIAN MEDIA NOV. 19 QUOTE AFP DISPATCH FROM DJIBOUTI THAT TFAI PARLIAMENT NOV. 18 HEARD AND SUPPORT PRESIDENT ALI AREF BOURHAN'S PROGRAM FOR INDEPENDENCE. VOTE WAS 26-13.

2. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, ALI AREF STATED THAT IF HIS PROGRAM PROCEEDS

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AS PLANNED, THE TERRITORY WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO "TAKE DECISIVE

STEP CONFORMING WITH ITS ASPIRATIONS" BY NEXT JUNE. HE ASKED THAT SOMALIA RENOUNCE "WITHOUT AMBIGUITY" ITS CLAIMS TO THE TERRITORY, THAT THE OAU ASSIST IN OBTAINING BORDER GUARANTEES FROM THE TERRITORY'S NEIGHBORS, AND THAT THE TERRITORY BE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART IN OAU MEETINGS.

3. ALI AREF REPORTEDLY REAFFIRMED THE TERRITORY'S DESIRE TO LIVE ON GOOD TERMS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS AND CALLED FOR CULTURAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, MONETARY AND DEFENSE TIES WITH FRANCE. FRENCH DEFENSE INVOLVEMENT, HE SAID, WOULD BE THE BEST GUARANTEE OF NEUTRALITY FOR AN INDEPENDENT TFAI, HE ALSO CALLED FOR THE OPPOSITION PARTY, THE AFRICAN PEOPLE'S INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE, TO WORK WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO SOLVE THE "DELICATE QUESTION OF NATIONALITY AND THE LEGITIMATE PLACE TO BE ALLOCATED TO MINORITIES."

4. THE REPORT ALSO NOTED THAT TWO (UNNAMED) MINISTERS RESIGNED FROM THE GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN.
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